



No Congress! no legislature! The country enjoys the relief.

THE senior Missouri Senator is at St. Joseph, Mo., this week. A new grandson is the principal object calling him home.

WOULDN'T it be glorious to live in a country dominated by the spirit that controlled the lower branch of the Missouri Legislature? Liberty would soon be an iridescent dream.

FROM this distance it looks very much to us like our old friend, Frank H. Farris, the member from Phelps, was a long, long ways the biggest man in the lower house of the Missouri legislature.

THAT Arkansas Governor is a loo-loo. First, he does, and then he doesn't; then he does again—and so he has 'em all a-guessin'. The State Fair bill people don't know where they're at; neither do the others, and the courts will have the last say, which makes matters all the more doubtful.

THE friends of Senator Carter M. Buford, now President protem. of the Missouri State Senate, are urging him to become a candidate for the office of Lieutenant Governor. Senator Buford would make a strong race and a splendid Lieutenant Governor. He has the matter under advisement and will probably enter the race. He is a Southeast Mo. product and a mighty good and conscientious man. Jump right in, Senator, the water is fine.—Perryville Sun.

THE St. Louis Court of Appeals last week handed down its opinion in the case of John McWilliams vs. Phil A. Hafner. This was the case wherein John McWilliams, while Prosecuting Attorney of this County, brought suit for libel against Phil Hafner for certain articles that appeared in Hafner's paper, The Kicker. McWilliams secured judgment in the Circuit Court for \$1,000, but Judge James A. Finch sustained a motion in arrest of this judgment, which put the judgment to sleep, and McWilliams appealed to the upper court. Judge Finch was severely criticized for his decision in this case, but the upper court has decided that his position was correct and has affirmed his judgment.—Sikeston Standard.

THE House gave the better of two days to the Public Service Commission bill before killing it. Of course the bill was engrossed but it might as well have been killed because the purpose it was designed to serve, namely relief for the railroads, was defeated. Representative Damron of Iron County introduced the amendment which emasculated the bill. It required the public Service Commission to make a thorough inventory of railroad properties before allowing an advance in passenger rates. In arguing for the adoption of his amendment, Mr. Damron charged that the railroads had subsidized the country press of the State, which he contemptuously characterized as "little two-by-four newspapers."—Scott County Banner.

Mr. J. F. MITCHEM, well known to all newspaper men, and editor of the De Soto Press, died at his home last Saturday. A special from that town to the Republic, dated March 14, gives the following resume of his life: "J. F. Mitchem, who died here yesterday, was one of the widely known newspaper men and Democratic politicians in Southeast Missouri. He was 49 years old. Mr. Mitchem began his newspaper career when 19 years old, when he started The Sikeston (Mo.) Star. A few years later he went to Benton, Mo., and established The Benton Record. He also engaged in the newspaper business at Cape Girardeau and Potosi, after which he went to Springfield, Mo., and purchased and edited the Springfield Daily Democrat. He came to De Soto about 1894. Ten years later he went to El Paso, Texas, where he again entered the daily newspaper field. From El Paso he went to Los Angeles, Cal., to edit a suburban daily paper. He returned to De Soto about a year ago and again became editor of The De Soto Press. Mr. Mitchem was active in Democratic politics for many years. Twice he made the race for the Democratic nomination for State Senator from this district, and at one time was talked of as a candidate for Governor. Mr. Mitchem was married in 1890 to Mrs. Wm. Reppy of Potosi, daughter of the late Capt. J. B. Homan. His wife survives him. His funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the M. E. Church, South."

WOULDN'T I like to belong to a political party to whose members such an item as the following is gall and wormwood? Who are constantly praying for "hard times" to continue until after the elections of 1915? How such desire must broaden the mind and expand the heart and swell one's patriotism! This is from Monday's St. Louis Republic:

When the whistles in the plant of the National Enameling and Stamping Company in Granite City blew last midnight, 10 mills in the tin department, that had lain idle for many months, resumed operations. Eight

hundred men, who had been out of employment, went to work at full time and the total number of men in the plant is now 2,500. The order to resume operations came Saturday night from George W. Niedringhaus, general manager. There was bustle and activity around the place yesterday, and the welcome news spread rapidly. The news was all the more surprising in view of the fact that on Saturday the men for the second time rejected the proposition of the company to operate the plant at full capacity provided they would accept a reduction of 8 per cent in wages in the tin department and 11.1 per cent in the sheet-metal department. This proposition was submitted a month ago and was rejected. Mr. Niedringhaus declined to state how long the plant would be in operation. It had been said that as soon as the plant turns out goods to fill orders it would close down and another proposition looking to a reduction of wages would be made. The plant will operate at the old scale of wages. Many of the employees live in St. Louis. The lowest wage in the mill is \$3 a day, while some of the men make as high as \$15 and \$17.

THIS is from J. R. Campbell's Jefferson City letter of last week to his paper, the Doniphan Prospect-News: The Dapper young son from Iron is a greater than Cromwell or Byron; He loaded his shooter, Did this law-making tooter, And the newspaper men opened fire on. He said, did this rare virtuoso, That the press is dishonest, and so so, But why should we guy him Or want to deny him The pleasure it gives him to blow so?

The above lines came to the writer after hearing "the gentleman from Iron county," Mr. Damron, say Thursday in a speech in the House of Representatives that the country press is subsidized, "bought and paid for," by the railroad companies. The only evidence that Mr. Damron had for making such a statement, apparently, was the fact that some of the newspapers had published opinions different from that entertained by himself on the railroad situation. Upon the very proposition he was at that time speaking on a large majority of the members of the House differed from him as shown by their votes a few minutes later. By his false argument they too were "bought and paid for." This is mentioned just to show how little and narrow and prejudiced some members of some legislatures are.

The P.-N. is "dry" and Mr. Damron is "dry"—very "dry," both of them; but what may be termed the consanguineous spirit which rules their march "onward and upward"—what high-sounding phrase crowns the solar-walking reformer!—the continuity of the common spirit of guarding their neighbors' weaknesses here seems broken. I have no comment to make, except that it is harrowing that such things can be and not overcome us like a summer cloud.

Those "Sleuths" at Columbia.

"What is the badge for farmers' Week this year?"—that's a mystery the newspapers of Columbia and the sleuths of the University School of Journalism have not as yet been able to solve. The annual badge of souvenir of Farmers' Week is each year as dark as was the identity of "Jackson" of Priest of Pallas souvenir fame. This year the badge will be a souvenir of permanent value—and you must attend to it yet! Farmers' week is January 11-15, in Columbia.

This is the "dope" sent out by the dopesters at Columbia to bamboozle you farmers into coming there in order that the school of agriculture can palm off more student "professors" on you farmers in order that they may have jobs. The school of agriculture cares about as much for the farmers as we do for the mad mullah. Cut off the salary list and see how quick the interest will flag and there will be a "scattering" for new fields. And another thing, you might also take note of the phrase, "that a mystery the newspapers of Columbia and the sleuths of the University of Journalism have not as yet been able to solve." If these "sleuths" were at work on the News Press, the Gazette or even on the Radical (the colored paper here) and could not solve that "mystery" in ten minutes these "sleuths" would be sleuthless—as far as a job was concerned. How these dopesters do like to bamboozle you farmers.—St. Joseph Observer.

Notice of City Election.

NOTICE is hereby given that an election will be held in the City of Ironton, Missouri, on

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 1915, for the purpose of electing the following officers for said City:

A Mayor;
A Marshal;
A Collector;
Two Aldermen from each of the two wards of said City;

And voting on two propositions: one to permit the cows to run at large within the city limits, and one to permit all stock to run at large within the city limits.

Said election will be held for Ward No. 1 at the Court House in said City, and for Ward No. 2 at a room in John Albert's store building in said City.

ROBERT A. RASCHKE,

Mayor of the City of Ironton, Mo.

Bellevue News.

J. C. Russell and A. G. Ricketts were in Ironton on business last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucy Chronister visited relatives in Middlebrook last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Bell were shopping in Ironton last Friday.

Mrs. Minnie Cottrell returned last Wednesday to her home in Greely, Mo., after a few weeks' visit with her sister, Mrs. Jan. Wood.

J. T. Patterson, who sold his farm recently to E. M. Logan, moved to Ironton last Saturday.

The information comes to us that the revival at Cedar Grove Church is progressing nicely. Rev. Margrave, of Marquand, is doing the preaching. He is a very spiritual man, and never

Spring Goods Arriving!

Our Early Purchases of New Spring Merchandise are beginning to arrive. From now on, there will be New Goods coming almost daily.

Just received, a Case Shipment from the Mills of Utility, Fast Color

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These are the well known Amoskeag Quality. All the Staple Colors, and a great variety of Combinations, at the popular PRICE, 10 CENTS A YARD.

New Spring Clothing for Men

A Large Consignment just received from one of the Foremost Manufacturers of Men's Fine Clothing in New York.

These Suits are ALL WOOL and Tailored after this season's Approved Styles, and come in a Variety of Patterns. Priced at

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each, and Every One Is a Great Big Value.

Brighten Up the Home!

The House Cleaning and Refurnishing Season is at hand. We carry a Large Stock of Mattings, Linoleums, Rugs and Carpets, in the different Grades. Also, a Full Line of the SHERWIN-WILLIAMS (none better) MIXED PAINTS, Varnishes and Floor and Furniture Stains.

New Designs in Wall Paper.

The New Spring Stock is on sale. In addition to the Large Stock on hand, we carry a set of Sample Books from a large Manufacturer, showing Hundreds of Beautiful Designs,

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We Buy in Car Lots and secure Best Discounts and Freight Rates and can SELL AT LOWER PRICES. We handle Many Styles of Poultry, Lawn and Farm Fencing. Get our Prices.

Seeding Time Is Here

We carry a Large Stock of Field and Garden Seeds of All Kinds.

Buy your Garden Seeds in bulk. We have Nice, Fresh Seeds at about one-half what they cost by the package.

Seed Oats and Northern Seed Potatoes,

a Car-Load of Each. Special Low Prices made on large purchases. Send us an estimate of your needs and let us quote you prices.

Swift's Fertilizers

The kinds that have been tried for years, and Proven Good. The Spring Supply is now on hand. Try Fertilizing your Soil. It will add greatly to Your Profit.

Our Grocery Trade Is Growing!

We sell Large Quantities at Extremely Close Prices, thereby keeping the Stock Fresh and Moving.

Just in for the Lenten Season

Salt Mackerel, Codfish, Pickled Herring, Etc.

Use "GOLDEN SHEAF FLOUR" for Perfect Baking.

fails to make his sermons felt and understood.

Everett Hughes, of Bismarck, was guest in the home of Wm. Townsend the first of the week.

Mrs. Clarence Fitzpatrick, who has been confined to her bed for some time, is slowly improving.

While playing football last Saturday, Houston McCall had his knee dislocated. At first it was thought to be serious, but he was able to start out on his drive this morning. Clark Smith and Robert Bynum, too, came out limping.

Rev. Patterson preached at the Baptist Church last Sunday. He was accompanied by his wife and two children.

H. L. Bell doesn't seem to be getting much better. He and Mrs. Bell are contemplating going to some Spring for a while. We trust a change will benefit him.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Campbell and daughter, Miss Annie, attended church at Cedar Grove last Sunday.

ALPHA.

Bruce News.

Died—At her home, near here, Monday, March 8, Mrs. Jesse Hatridge, aged seventy-seven years and a few months. The deceased left a husband, four children, several grandchildren and great grandchildren, along with many friends. The remains were laid to rest in the Thompson Cemetery.

We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Miss Dollie McMurtrey of Peoria visited relatives here several days of last week.

Mr. Wilmer Keesling left last Tuesday for Cape Girardeau, where he will attend the Teachers' Normal School during the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rencehausen visited relatives at Pilot Knob last week.

Rev. Margraves and Rev. Blessie are holding a meeting at Cedar Grove. We wish them success, as we people need a good revival.

Miss Celia Goforth and Mr. Everett Nelly of Peoria visited last week at the homes of John Anderson and James Hatridge.

Miss Elizabeth Wendell visited Mrs. Florence Laws several days of last week.

Mr. Jess Hatridge will have a sale at his place Saturday, March 20th.

Misses Nettie Hatridge, Audrey Brooks and Essie Anderson, and Messrs. Wilmer Keesling and David Dickey, took the teachers' examination given at Ironton, March 5th and 6th.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

—OF THE—

FINANCIAL CONDITION

—OF THE—

Bank of Des Arc

(No. 1535.)

AT DES ARC, STATE OF MISSOURI,

At the Close of Business on the 4th Day of March, 1915.

Published in the IRON COUNTY REGISTER, a newspaper printed and published at Ironton, State of Missouri, on the 18th day of March, 1915.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral \$31383 89

Loans, real estate 10791 14

Overdrafts 843 79

Real estate (banking house) 1682 50

Furniture and fixtures 1550 00

Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check 3979 47

Cash items 638 68

Currency 223 00

Specie 268 36

Total \$51300 83

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in \$10000 00

Surplus fund 5000 00

Undivided profits, net 791 57

Individual deposits subject to check 20485 15

Time certificates of deposit 12614 11

Bills payable and re-discounts 2500 00

Total \$51300 83

STATE OF MISSOURI, ss.

COUNTY OF IRON, ss.

We, J. H. Stevenson, as President, and J. L. Strader, as Cashier of said bank, each of us do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. H. STEVENSON, President.

J. L. STRADER, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of March, A. D. nineteen hundred and fifteen.

Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid. (Commissioned and qualified for a term expiring April 6, 1915.)

[SEAL] C. M. STEVENSON, Notary Public.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

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FINANCIAL CONDITION

—OF THE—

Iron County Bank

(No. 905)

AT IRONTON, STATE OF MISSOURI,

At the Close of Business on the 4th Day of March, 1915.

Published in the IRON COUNTY REGISTER, a newspaper printed and published at Ironton, State of Missouri, on the 18th day of March, 1915.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good, on personal or collateral \$50556 91

Loans, real estate 48436 33

Overdrafts 25 50

Bonds and stocks 15000 00

Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check 23978 82

Cash items 546 85

Currency 6594 00

Specie 2354 04

Total \$156692 45

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in \$10000 00

Surplus fund 10500 00

Undivided profits, net 922 91

Individual deposits subject to check 55530 32

Time certificates of deposit 73740 12

Total \$156692 45

STATE OF MISSOURI, ss.

COUNTY OF IRON, ss.

We, Wm. R. Edgar, as President, and Mann Ringo, as Cashier of said bank, each of us do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

WM. R. EDGAR, President.

MANN RINGO, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 12th day of March, A. D. nineteen hundred and fifteen.

Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid. (Commissioned and qualified for a term expiring June 6th, 1915.)

[SEAL] WM. R. EDGAR, Jr., Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: ELI D. AKE, Notary Public.

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